

Heritage to Horizons... Commemorating 60 years of Air and Space Power

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NEW THIS MONTH ON THE COP

Master List of Planned AF60th Events

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AF/CVAT UPDATES



USAFE Airmen Lend a Helping Hand!

During a joint mission from 9-13 April, USAFE Airmen provided free medical care to local villagers in Ghana. During the mission, villagers and children donned and decorated their doors with AF60 stickers. The medical team treated more than 1000 people, including pulling 80 sore teeth!

AF60 SPIs

Sept 18 Is Approaching!

We are less than five months away from the big event, the official Air Force 60th Birthday! That means there is limited time left to mark this historic Air Force occasion and make good use of those AF60 SPIs. Unlike other promotional items, AF60 SPIs have a limited shelf-life.

To date—approx. 1/3 of the organizations that have been allocated AF60 SPIs have placed orders. The AF60 Task Force is requesting the plans or orders for your SPI allocation by 15 May. Any AF60 SPIs not claimed on this date will be reallocated to organizations and events that need them.

Submit your orders or plans for AF60 SPIs through the AF60 CVAT workflow today!

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Education In Flight

Education in Flight materials were mailed to AF Week locations this week. AF Week organizers will use the material during planned school visits that occur during AF Week.

The EiF material provides a great resource for teachers looking for creative ways to teach fundamental principles of math, science and social studies and shores up the Air Force's positive local connection to schools. If you'd like to

request EiF material for your community or at your 60th event, please send an email to:

Nathan.williams.ctr@pentagon.af.mil.

AF60 Videos

Last week, AF60 mailed out three videos to MAJCOM reps. The videos include the Air Force Memorial dedication ceremony held 14 Oct, a Memorial Service held the following day, and 'To Touch The Sky' an eight-minute piece about the history of the Memorial and snapshot of all the dedication events. The videos can be used during upcoming Memorial Day activities or other AF60 events.

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AF60 Home Runs!



Opening Day at Fenway Park was a home run for AF60. The game kicked off with the Patriot Honor Guard from Hansom AFB, MA, a flyover with four F-16s, and field ceremonies honoring 25 Airmen and the Air Force 60th.



Atlanta Braves pitcher John Smoltz presents 94th AW Commander Col Heath Nuckolls with a specially designed Atlanta Braves-United States Air Force Baseball that will travel around the world this season—See "Around the Air Force" for more.



PA ANG members, Tech Sgt Jeff Myers and Senior Master Sgt Don Koch, Purple Heart and Bronze Star recipients from Operation Iraqi Freedom, eagerly accept first-pitch advice from longtime Pittsburgh Pirates fan John Wray—who had been to 50straight Pirates home openers.

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

MAJCOM Events

PACAF

The Airman Leadership School at Misawa AB, Japan displayed incredible initiative in displaying their AF60 pride! They recently purchased video screens to be placed around their schools to help get information and news to students. During the 60th Anniversary commemoration the lobby screens will display the "AF60-Heritage to Horizons Video" among other clips showcasing the Air Force.

AFRC

The 94th Airlift Wing from Dobbins AFB, GA stepped up to the plate this April with inventive AF60 commemoration plans! The Wing paired up with the Atlanta Braves andwill honor the 60th Anniversary by sending an official Atlanta Braves baseball around the world with U.S. Airmen.

Throughout the summer the Braves baseball, specially designed with a U.S. Air Force 60th Anniversary logo, will visit locations around the globe including Afghanistan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Italy, Turkey, Egypt, Israel, Africa, Germany, France, England, Alaska, Japan, Asia, Hawaii and South America.

Fans can follow the Braves baseball on its trip around the globe at www.braves.com/airforceball.

The Air Force will deliver the baseball back to Atlanta on September 18 as the Braves celebrate Air Force Night at Turner Field.

AF Teams

Tops in Blue

On 16 Apr, the 2007 Tops In Blue team boarded planes for Southwest Asia for a three week trip to kick off their 2007 season. From April to December, TIB will perform their multimedia musical tribute to our proud AF history in their show, "The Fly By." To find out when the

team is heading to base near you, check out:

www.topsinblue.com

ANG

In April, the ANG launched their own site dedicated to marking their 60 Years as a reserve component of the USAF. The site, http://www.ngb.army.mil/features/AF60th/default.aspx, includes history facts of the ANG over the past 60 year, links to AF60 graphics and calendars and historical paintings of the Air National Guard in action!

AF Exhibit

The AF 60th Anniversary Exhibit traveled to the renowned National Space Symposium in Colorado Springs, CO from 9-12 Apr. The Symposium brings together all sectors of space - civil, commercial, and national security - to discuss the most current and pressing issues facing the space industry.

AMARC -

More than a "Boneyard"

Amidst the cacti and mountains of Tucson, AZ lies an amazing story of Air Force "Heritage to Horizons" - the Aerospace Maintenance And Regeneration Center (AMARC), more commonly known as the "Air Force Boneyard."

But AMARC is more than just a Boneyard, more than just a snapshot of AF heritage or place for planes to retire. The 600 men and women who work at AMARC are actively shaping our horizons.

Sixty years ago in April 1946 AMARC began as the 4105th Army Air Base Unit. The Center served as a storage facility for WWII B-29 bombers and C-47 cargo planes.

Today, AMARC is an industrial center, and an integral part of the Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) headquartered at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio.

AF60 SPOTLIGHT



Artist John Clark sketches an F-16 getting ready for "retirement" at the AMARC Facility. Clark, an AF Art Program participant for 30 years, was on a trip to the AF "Boneyard" capturing our heritage.

AMARC serves as home for just over 4,400 aircraft representing approximately 70 different weapon systems, more than 30 aerospace vehicles, and 350,000 line items of aircraft production tooling.

Many of the aircraft housed at the AMARC facility can

return to an operational status, in large part due to AMARC's comprehensive anti-corrosion and represervations operation. And AMARC actually saves money for the USAF and government. Representatives at AMARC estimate that for

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every \$1 spent on sending an aircraft there, the facility generates \$7 in return for the Air Force from parts reclamation and aircraft resale.

In addition to these resale programs, other AMARC operations include the A-10 wing replacement program, a program extending the service life of these planes for use in current operations, and the F-4 unmanned-aerial drone conversion program.

On 2 May, AMARC marks its own

historic occasion and becomes the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group.





F-16s rest on the AMARC grounds. Public tours of the facility are offered by the Pima Air and Space Museum in Tucson, AZ. For more information, contact the AMARC PA office, 520-228-2448

AF60 SEEN & HEARD

Check out the latest places where you may hear heard the AF60 Message through our Public Service Announcements, historic Heritage to Horizons Video, and news outlets!

AF60 PSA

Apr 1- NCAA Men's Final Four Tournament Various dates—Washington Nationals home baseball games

In the News

Mar 28 – <u>AirForceTimes</u> reports that the Air Force History Office is working to organize mission-specific reunions, helping generations of airmen connect over their shared heritage

Apr 2 – <u>The Chattanoogan.com</u> announces Gen. Bruce Carlson as keynote speaker and reviewing officer at the announces.

nual Armed Forces Day luncheon and parade in Chattanooga, TN. The luncheon this year features the 60th Anniversary of the Air Force.

Apr 13 – <u>The Weekly</u> announces that Memorial Day activities in Stone Mountain, GA plan to draw at least 100,000 people with it's focus on the 60th.

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

The following is a list of upcoming events that will recognize or commemorate the Air Force's 60th Anniversary throughout the Air Force and civilian community.

5-May	Thunderbirds 2007 AF60 Performance	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
5-May	McDonald's Air and Sea Show	Ft Lauderdale, FL
7-May	Cities of Honor	Portland, OR
10-May	Living Legends: Emerging Air Power	Arlington, VA
12-May	Thunderbirds 2007 AF60 Performance	McGuire AFB, NJ
18-May	Joint Services Open House Begins	Andrews AFB, MD
19-May	Armed Forces Day-Chicago	Chicago, IL
20-May	FAPAC 22nd National Leadership Conf.	Arlington, VA
23-May	AFA Spring Congressional Program	Washington, DC
26-May	Thunderbirds 2007 AF60 Performance	Wantagh, NY
26-May	NASCAR Coca-Cola 600	Concord, NC
26-May	Virginia Military Band AF60 Concert	Alexandria, VA
26-May	Salute to Troops Wknd Begins	Stone Mountain, GA
27-May	Indy 500	Indianapolis, IN
28-May	Memorial Day Parade	Washington, DC
28-May	AF Memorial Wreath Laying	Arlington, VA

Air Force Flyovers and Band events commemorate the AF 60th Anniversary in their scripts and introductions. Events below are planned and subject to change.

Flyovers - 250+ events requested in May For information on scheduled Flyovers visit: https://www.airshows.pa.hq.af.mil/ PublicSite/Index.cfm?fwa=home

Bands – 69 events in May For information on upcoming concerts for one or more of the 13 AF bands, please visit:

http://www.af.mil/library/band/







